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AUTOMATIC MANAGEMENT OF NETWORK PLANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the
accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For						
All Claims	21	-	20	=	1	X	\$18.00	=	\$18.00
Independent	3	-	3	=		X	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
TOTAL								=	\$18.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$18.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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